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Amendment and Response

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2010 for the above-identified application for patent. In light of the amendments and remarks provided in each of the separate sections below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application which is now in a condition for allowance.

Accompanying this response and filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Also, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period be extended two months. Fees in the amount of \$ 650.00 are being submitted electronically.